



UTSD RESPONSE TO COVID-19:
Phased Reopening Plan Overview

July 19, 2020

Guidelines for All Phases

For safety wherever you are:

- Continue to practice good hygiene – clean your hands frequently with soap and water or hand sanitizer. Hand sanitizer is in place throughout UTSD. However, individuals are encouraged to bring additional hand sanitizer for personal use throughout the day.
- Avoid touching your face.
- Sneeze or cough into a tissue or inside your elbow.
- Disinfect frequently used items as often as possible.
- If you feel sick, stay home. Contact your health care provider for advice.
- Practice social distancing (remaining 6 feet apart).

For safety while in the SOD building:

- Mandatory COVID-19 screening for all prior to entering.
- Mandatory masks for all while inside the building in common/shared spaces or interacting with other individuals where social distancing cannot be maintained.
- Faculty or staff may work alone in their enclosed offices without wearing a mask.
- Staff and residents may work alone in their cubicles without wearing masks if social distancing can be maintained.
- If someone else enters office or cubicle space, masks must be worn by all parties if social distancing cannot be maintained.
- Adhere to social distancing while in classes, eating lunch, and moving throughout the building.
- Avoid gathering in groups.
- Main elevator usage limited to 1 person at a time, unless a minor or individual with special needs requires an additional person for support. Freight elevators at the east and west ends of the building may carry 2 people at a time, with proper social distancing.
- Take the stairs to travel between floors, observing social distancing.

What else will be different about our building?

- Building access: May be modified in each phase based on faculty, staff, student, resident, postdoctoral fellow and graduate student needs.
- Bookstore: The bookstore will be open 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.
- Library: The Library & Learning Commons on the 4th floor will remain closed. If you need library resources, please contact Ms. [Janet Peri](#).
- Places to study: Students and residents are strongly encouraged to study at home. The library will be closed, and classrooms will not be available for studying.
- Conference rooms: Available for departmental/administrative use, observing social distancing.
- Signage: Expect to see new signage as we maintain social distancing.
- Food services: Will not be available during the summer, except for vending machines and snacks/drinks in the bookstore. Bring your own nonperishable food items.
- Eating: Clusters of infections have arisen when people have been eating in close proximity to each other. When eating, we have the potential to spray respiratory droplets. For this reason,

it is critical that we maintain at least 6 feet of social distance while eating. If this is impossible, eating back-to-back or side-by-side decreases the potential for sharing respiratory droplets. The third-floor Student Lounge (student access only), the Fullerton Classroom (4310), Birdwell Classroom (4330), and Garza Classroom (4340) will be available for use to eat lunch between 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. The Cooley Center patio will also be available.

- All individuals are responsible for maintaining social distancing and for cleaning the space where they have eaten, using available wipes.

Phase 1: March 23 – May 29, 2020

Faculty and Staff

- Follow [UTHealth guidelines](#) for working from home.
- Continue planning and preparing online curriculum for DDS and DH summer session, preclinical “catch up” from spring semester, and front-loading select courses from the fall semester.
- Take vacation time!

Students and Advanced Education Residents

- Engage in UTSD curricula via online education.
- Complete mandatory UTHealth campus screening questionnaire prior to returning to UTSD [UTHealth COVID-19 Screening Form](#).

Education

- Students and advanced education residents complete didactic portion of spring curriculum, virtual clinics, alternate competency assessments, and alternate pathways to graduation as applicable.
- Eligible DDS and DH students complete UTSD “check out” and graduate.

Patient Care (March 23 – May 29)

- The UTSD Consolidated Care Clinic and UTSD off-site clinics will provide emergent/urgent dental care through May 29 for patients of record.

Research

- Biomedical and other research laboratories begin gradual return to operations under [UTHealth guidelines](#).
- Clinical research resumes under UTHealth guidelines and in accordance with TSBDE regulations for patient care. Case-by-case review by Director of Clinical Research and Office of Patient Care. UTSD milestones and [Clinical Trials During COVID-19 Checklist](#) being developed.

Phase 2: May 26 – July 17, 2020 (Summer Session)

Faculty and Staff

- Phased-in return to work following [UTHealth guidelines](#).
- Only UTSD employees conducting essential activities should work in the building. All others should continue to work from home.
- UTSD administrative unit leaders and department chairs should determine who should work in the building and who should work from home, and convey information to their employees.
- Planning and preparation for the 2020-2021 academic year.
- Complete UTHealth wellness survey as it becomes available.

Students and Advanced Education Residents

- Return to academic programs as directed by graduate program directors and Office of Student and Academic Affairs, following [UTHealth guidelines](#).
- Orientation and enrollment of incoming advanced education residents
- Complete mandatory UTHealth campus screening questionnaire prior to starting training at UTSD [UTHealth COVID-19 Screening Form](#).
- Eligible current advanced education residents complete UTSD “check out” and graduate at end of June (except Orthodontics, which is August).

Education

- Summer session for DDS and DH students:
 - Didactic and virtual clinical curricula continue online.
 - Return to UTSD for preclinical labs and clinical simulation.
- WREB licensure examination for DDS/DH graduates (July 16-19).
- Part I National Board Dental Examination (DS2) and Part II National Board Dental Examination (DS3).
- Returning DS4 and DH2 students complete curricula and remediation.

Patient Care (June 1 – TBD)

- The UTSD Consolidated Care Clinic and off-site clinics will continue providing emergent/urgent dental care, case completion, and case continuance for low-risk patients of record. Treatment provided by faculty and residents.

Research

- Virtual Summer Research Program for students begins June 1.
- Biomedical and other research laboratories continue gradual return to full operations, maintaining social distancing and shift work as needed.
- Clinical research enrollment continues under UTHealth guidelines ([Clinical Trials During COVID-19 Checklist](#)) with oversight from Office of Patient Care.

Phase 3: July 20 - Aug. 14, 2020

Faculty and Staff

- Continue phased-in return to work as directed by administrative unit leaders and department chairs.
- Take vacation time!
- Prepare for the 2020-2021 academic year.
- Faculty participate in remote teaching training opportunities.

Students and Advanced Education Residents

- Current DDS and DH students on break until orientation.
- Advanced education residents continue academic programs.
- Orientation for incoming DDS students (Aug. 11-14) and DH students (Aug. 12-14).
- White Coat ceremonies (Postponed until Spring 2021, dates TBD).

Education

- Advanced education residents continue academic programs.
- PACE Center resumes providing in-person continuing education following UTSD/UTHealth guidelines.

Patient Care

- On-site and off-site clinics will continue to expand their capacity as PPE and infection prevention measures allow. Care will focus on urgent/emergent dental care, case completion, and case-continuance for patients of record with low medical risk.
- IV sedation cases will resume at on-site clinics.
- Patient care provided by endodontic and prosthodontic residents will be in their home clinics in designated treatment rooms and with designated modifications.
- Patient care provided by UTDentists faculty will return to the UTDentists group practice.
- Patient care provided by orthodontic residents will occur in the pediatric clinic and the pre-doctoral student clinic on the 1st floor.
- Patient care provided by periodontics residents will occur in the oral surgery suite and the periodontal clinic in designated treatment rooms with designated modifications.
- Group practice faculty will treat students' patients in the special care clinic.
- With permission from the Associate Dean for Patient Care, some on-site and off-site clinics may begin to see new patients.
- If PPE becomes limited or unavailable, patient care will be scaled back.

Research

- Biomedical and other research laboratories are fully operational following safety guidelines.
- Clinical research enrollment continues under UTHealth guidelines ([Clinical Trials During COVID-19 Checklist](#)) and with oversight from UTSD Office of Patient Care.

Phase 4: Aug. 17 – Dec. 18 (Fall Semester)

Faculty and Staff

- Continue phased-in return to work as directed by administrative unit leaders and department chairs.

Students and Advanced Education Residents

- Current DDS and DH students return to academic programs as directed by Office of Student and Academic Affairs, following [UTHealth guidelines](#).
- Advanced education residents continue academic programs.

Education

- Didactics will continue online, with flexibility for programs to use hybrid teaching models as needed.
- In-person labs and simulation will occur in a split-class or small group format, also utilizing hybrid teaching models as needed.

Patient Care

- Students and residents return to patient care, depending on regulatory guidelines and COVID-19 prevalence at the local, state, and national levels.
- Patient care will resume in a staged, controlled fashion
- Dental students, dental hygiene students, and advanced education program residents (as determined by respective programs) will be paired during direct patient care.

Research

- Biomedical and other research laboratories are fully operational following safety guidelines.
- Clinical research enrollment continues.